

Scholarship for Participation in the ECPR Methodology Winter School (Vienna) 14-21 February 2014

The European Consortium for Political Research ([ECPR](#)) regularly organizes winter schools for PhD candidates in political science. The 3rd Winter School in Methods and Techniques, taking place in Vienna on 14-21 February, provides high quality up-to-date training in a broad range of specially selected methods across the whole spectrum of approaches employed within the social sciences.

In line with its main objective to support promising young researchers from the South Caucasus, ASCN offers 2 PhD students in social sciences from universities in Georgia and Armenia the opportunity to participate in this one-week Winter School.

Courses and Modules

Scholars must choose one module from the courses A1-A10 and B1-B17 as described on the course list of the winter school [website](#). Participation in a 2-day software course (C1-C6) may also be covered by ASCN. Full information about the Winter School is to be found [here](#).

Eligibility criteria

- PhD candidates in social sciences (political science or sociology) from any university in Georgia or Armenia
- Citizens of Armenia or Georgia normally residing in Armenia or Georgia
- Strong skills in research methodology
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Age: 35 or younger when applying

Candidates with the potential to transfer the acquired knowledge further within their institution (through teaching) will be given priority.

Documents to submit

- Letter of motivation (including, among other things, experience and skills in research methodology)
- CV
- Short description of the PhD project (2 pages maximum)
- Short description of the methodology applied in your PhD project
- Indication of the module(s) you intend to register for and relevance for your own research
- Copy of passport

Scholarship

The grant covers the following aspects:

- Summer school fee
- Travel costs
- Accommodation
- Daily allowances

Deadlines

Please merge all the requested documents into one single pdf file and submit the application to info@ascn.ch **until 8 November 2013 with the following subject line: ECPR Winter School / ASCN**. Applications submitted after 8 November 2013 will not be taken into consideration.

Selection

The selection will be made by Dr. Sergey Minasyan (ASCN Local Coordination Unit, Caucasus Institute, Yerevan), Prof. Giga Zedania (ASCN Local Coordination Unit, Ilia State University, Tbilisi) and Denis Dafflon (ASCN Programme Manager, Fribourg).

Please note that ASCN cannot guarantee the acceptance of the selected candidates in the winter school. This is the full responsibility of ECPR. Candidates selected by ASCN will have to register for the winter school on their own.

Further information

[ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2014](#)

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About ASCN

ASCN is a programme aimed at promoting the social sciences and humanities in the South Caucasus (primarily Georgia and Armenia). Its different activities foster the emergence of a new generation of talented scholars. Promising junior researchers receive support through research projects, capacity-building trainings and scholarships. The programme emphasizes the advancement of individuals who, thanks to their ASCN experience, become better integrated in international academic networks. The ASCN programme is coordinated and operated by the Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). It is initiated and supported by Gebert Rűf Stiftung.